

# SUMMER TERM IN OAK CLASS 2023-24



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to you all for the summer term. We hope you have had a good Easter. We are all looking forward to the summer term and hopefully some warmer weather to enjoy!

Our topic for the summer term will be 'All Creatures Great and Small' and the lead subjects are Science and Geography. We will be using this theme as our stimulus in English for our writing and we are starting with the book 'The Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge. In Science they will learn about animals (including humans) and living things and their habitats. This will involve carrying out investigations and making conclusions based on the results. In Geography we will be learning about Field Work and Map Skills.

Please do check the weekly school newsletter and also have a look at our twitter account, the details are below. We will get as much news and photos of Oak class work on there as we can!

[Twitter \(now called X\) account - Tacolneston and Morley Primary Schools @morandtac](#)

- **Contacting school** - If you need to contact us please use the office email address below which will be checked daily. If there is an urgent matter, then please ring the school office and a message will be relayed to us.  
[morley@tacmor.stbenets.org](mailto:morley@tacmor.stbenets.org)

Just a few things to note for the Summer term:

- **Oak Class Assembly** will be on **Thursday 27th June at 9.00 am**. The assembly will be an opportunity for the children to share some of their learning with you. It would be lovely to see you there.
- **Year 1 Phonics screening** - The Year 1 children are required to take the phonics screening check in the summer term. Listening to your child read each day and practising their spellings using the spelling rules is the best support they can receive at home.
- **Reading** - It goes without saying that reading is so important for all children and I would encourage you to listen to your child read at home as often as you can. If you could also record when they have read and add a few comments in their reading record book as well,

that would be appreciated. We will continue to hear the children read at every available opportunity in school, but this should not be their only source of reading. Reading books will be changed regularly during the week according to your child's needs.



- **Book bags** - Reading books need to be kept in book bags and we will send home any information and letters in these. Please, do not put water bottles into book bags, as they can leak and ruin expensive books.
- **Homework** - Homework consists of reading, weekly spellings and a fortnightly written task. We will be sending homework home on Monday and it will need to be returned by the following Monday. Spellings are also tested on a Monday. When parents are involved in their children's learning, they develop greater self-esteem and confidence.
- **Warmer weather** - With the weather starting to get warmer it would be advisable to send your child into school with a sun hat and also sun cream on hot days. Please name any hats or clothing that your child brings in to school.
- **PE** - We will continue to ask the children to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days. We will be doing PE this term on Tuesday and Thursday.
- **Outdoor Learning** As part of our rich and nurturing curriculum, we will be taking part in outdoor learning on a weekly basis. All children will need their wellies and waterproofs at school. These can be left with us and we will send them home when they need a wash.
- **VALUE FOR LIFE** - As a Church of England school we follow the values for life, and this half-term it is **Friendship**. After half-term it will be **Truthfulness**. So, please do take every opportunity to chat to your child about this as we will be reflecting on this as part of Collective Worship and as part of daily school life.

Many Thanks  
Darren Watson

**'LEARN TOGETHER, WORK TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER'**  
As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.  
**Amen**